

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
19th Legislative Day
Thursday, March 12, 2015

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Pastor Donald Coldwell, Lakeside Community Church, North Waterboro.

National Anthem by Nichole Raftopoulos, Wells.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctors of the day, Lisa Ryan, D.O., Naples and Jack Forbush, D.O., Hampden.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Amend and Clarify Certain Notice and Assessment Provisions of the Maine Condominium Act"

(S.P. 294) (L.D. 820)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Expanded Powers to the Executive Director of the Kennebec Regional Development Authority"

(S.P. 271) (L.D. 741)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage Access to Workforce Training and Job Creation"

(S.P. 69) (L.D. 194)

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in the House on March 5, 2015.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 88)

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March 12, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Judiciary

L.D. 160 An Act To Provide Reasonable Compensation to Jurors

L.D. 259 An Act To Increase Compensation for Jurors

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

L.D. 61 An Act To Require Tattoo Practitioners To Be at Least 18 Years of Age

Taxation

L.D. 26 An Act To Simplify the Process for Fuel Tax Rebates (EMERGENCY)

Transportation

L.D. 112 An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That Adults Wear Seat Belts

L.D. 246 An Act To Prohibit the Handling of a Mobile Telephone While Operating a Motor Vehicle

L.D. 345 An Act To Require Motorists To Move to a Nonadjacent Lane or Slow Down for Certain Stationary Vehicles

Veterans and Legal Affairs

L.D. 383 An Act Requiring Corporations To Have Approval from a Majority of Their Shareholders before Making Political Contributions Valued at Greater Than \$5,000

(Representative Bear of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians - of the House - opposed)

The sponsors and cosponsors have been notified of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of House

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following item:

Recognizing:

the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District Girls Basketball Teams for their service in forming and sustaining the "Shootin' for a Cure" nonprofit. The players focused their efforts on an issue many of them had in common: family members suffering from breast cancer. Their nonprofit began by raising money to donate to York Hospital's Breast Care Center in order to bring an advanced 3-D breast imaging MRI system to the hospital. Players from 5th to 12th grade initially gathered pledges and shot free throws at their inaugural event, but Shootin' for a Cure has become a year-round campaign with several related events. Over 6 years, Shootin' for a Cure has raised over \$175,000 for the Breast Care Center. We extend to Coach Donald Abbott and all the players of the teams our appreciation for their service;

(HLS 124)

Presented by Representative FOLEY of Wells.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York, Senator HILL of York, Representative HYMANSON of York.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative FOLEY of Wells, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wells, Representative Foley.

Representative **FOLEY**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House, I rise today in honor of a special group of people who have given so much to their community, my community, the Town of Wells.

Six years ago, the girls of Wells High School Basketball Team discovered they had a terrible thing in common. Several of them had relatives who suffered from breast cancer. The team wanted to find a way to support their loved ones, and to begin a fundraising effort for the Breast Cancer Center at York Hospital.

In order to bring an advanced 3-D breast MRI machine to the hospital, the coach, Donald Abbott, supported the girls' effort, and they embarked on a fundraising journey that has inspired and impacted the entire community. Each year the girls from the 5th grade to seniors in high school meet early on a Saturday in January and shoot foul shots. Fifty shots each with pledges from sponsors for each shot made.

In their first year, alone they raised over \$13,000 dollars. Not being satisfied with this effort, however, the girls, their coaches, and the dedicated group of parents reached out into the community and started different fundraising events year-round, involving the Wells Rotary Club golf tournament, raffle and bake sales, and t-shirt sales.

This past January, the girls held their 6th Annual Shootin' for a Cure event and raised and amazing \$35,000 dollars for the women's health and breast care center at York Hospital. Their total six year contribution to the very worthy program has topped \$176,000 dollars. As one of the State Representatives from Wells, a member of the Wells Board of Selectmen, a Wells Rotarian, and a trustee of York Hospital, I stand in awe of these fine ladies, their parents, and their coaching staff. I thank them on behalf of the lives they have touched.

The community of Wells and the great State of Maine salute you for a job well done. I might also add that they were recently honored by the Maine Principals Association for the 2014-2015 Sportsmanship Award for Class B. Congratulations. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills, Resolves and Resolution were received, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were **REFERRED** to the following Committees, ordered printed and sent for concurrence:

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Resolve, Establishing the Study Commission To Ensure Integrity in the Use of Service Animals (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 591) (L.D. 872)

Sponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham.

Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, MALABY of Hancock, SANDERSON of Chelsea, TUELL of East Machias, VACHON of Scarborough, Senators: HASKELL of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Housing for Homeless Veterans"

(H.P. 592) (L.D. 873)

Sponsored by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, McCABE of Skowhegan, NOON of Sanford, Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, LIBBY of Androscoggin, PATRICK of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges, Ports, Railroads and Other Multimodal Facilities"

(H.P. 594) (L.D. 875)

Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, GILLWAY of Searsport, HOBART of Bowdoinham, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, NUTTING of Oakland, POWERS of Naples, TURNER of Burlington, Senator: COLLINS of York.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Encourage Equity in School Funding by Limiting a Municipality's Contribution Based on Its Student Enrollment"

(H.P. 595) (L.D. 876)

Sponsored by Representative GINZLER of Bridgton.

Resolve, To Study the Fort Norumbega Site in Bucksport

(H.P. 596) (L.D. 877)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, DUCHESNE of Hudson, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, NUTTING of Oakland, VEROW of Brewer, Senator: DILL of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Support College Affordability in Maine"

(H.P. 597) (L.D. 878)

Sponsored by Representative TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono.

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

Bill "An Act To Ensure High-quality Telecommunications Services for Maine Consumers and Businesses"

(H.P. 598) (L.D. 879)

Sponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DION of Portland, GIDEON of Freeport, HOBBS of Saco.

Bill "An Act To Permit Rate-adjustment Mechanisms for Water Utilities"

(H.P. 599) (L.D. 880)

Sponsored by Representative HOBBS of Saco.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GROHMAN of Biddeford, WELSH of Rockport.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Public Utilities Commission To Contract for Liquefied Natural Gas Storage and Distribution"

(H.P. 600) (L.D. 881)

Sponsored by Representative HOBBS of Saco.

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Telephone Utility Reorganizations Advance the Economic Development and Information Access Goals of the State"

(H.P. 601) (L.D. 882)

Sponsored by Representative HOBBS of Saco.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DION of Portland, GIDEON of Freeport, McCABE of Skowhegan.

Bill "An Act To Create the Cellular Telephone Labeling Act"

(H.P. 602) (L.D. 883)

Sponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, CHIPMAN of Portland, DUNPHY of Embden, RYKERSON of Kittery.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Amend Laws Concerning Water Quality Standards"

(H.P. 603) (L.D. 884)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: BUCKLAND of Farmington, DUCHESNE of Hudson, HANLEY of Pittston, HARLOW of Portland, WHITE of Washburn.

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Review of Certain Projects under the Site Location of Development Laws"

(H.P. 631) (L.D. 911)

Sponsored by Representative WINSOR of Norway.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNPHY of Embden, HARLOW of Portland, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MORRISON of South Portland.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Promote Enhanced Eligibility Verification in Maine's Welfare System"

(H.P. 604) (L.D. 885)

Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home-based and Community-based Services

(H.P. 605) (L.D. 886)

Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: Speaker EVES of North Berwick, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, Senator: KATZ of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine"

(H.P. 624) (L.D. 905)

Sponsored by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and Representatives: Speaker EVES of North Berwick, GATTINE of Westbrook, HEAD of Bethel, HYMANSON of York, POULIOT of Augusta, SANBORN of Gorham, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: KATZ of Kennebec.

Resolve, To Improve Access to Dental Care through a Pediatric Medical Benefit

(H.P. 637) (L.D. 917)

Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland and Representatives: BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, DUNPHY of Old Town, FARNSWORTH of Portland, HYMANSON of York, KORNFIELD of Bangor, KRUGER of Thomaston, NOON of Sanford, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Hunting Bear Using Dogs and Trapping Bear"

(H.P. 606) (L.D. 887)

Sponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Recognize and Provide for the Right To Hunt for Sustenance in Aroostook County for Maliseet and Micmac Tribal Members and Disabled Veterans"

(H.P. 607) (L.D. 888)

Sponsored by Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Cosponsored by Senator WILLETTE of Aroostook and Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation.

Resolve, To Review Maine's Fish Stocking Rules

(H.P. 625) (L.D. 906)

Sponsored by Representative WOOD of Sabattus.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, HANLEY of Pittston, KINNEY of Limington, LONG of Sherman, LYFORD of Eddington, SHAW of Standish, SHORT of Pittsfield, STANLEY of Medway.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Milfoil Infestations" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 626) (L.D. 907)

Sponsored by Representative POWERS of Naples. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Expand Public Opportunities for Wildlife Management Education"

(H.P. 633) (L.D. 913)

Sponsored by Representative SHAW of Standish.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, GUERIN of Glenburn, McCABE of Skowhegan, WOOD of Sabattus, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Small Businesses from High Interest Rates on Commercial and Business Loans"

(H.P. 608) (L.D. 889)

Sponsored by Representative BECK of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and Representatives: COOPER of Yarmouth, MELARAGNO of Auburn, TUCKER of Brunswick.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Ensure a Continuing Home Court for Cases Involving Children"

(H.P. 609) (L.D. 890)

Sponsored by Representative MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GIDEON of Freeport, HOBBS of Saco, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, NOON of Sanford.

Bill "An Act To Help Municipalities Dispose of Certain Abandoned Property"

(H.P. 610) (L.D. 891)

Sponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais.
Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, GILLWAY of Searsport, HOBART of Bowdoinham, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, LOCKMAN of Amherst, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of Burlington, WOOD of Sabattus.

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Laws Affecting the Judicial Branch"

(H.P. 611) (L.D. 892)

Sponsored by Representative MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HOBBS of Saco, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, NOON of Sanford.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to Article X of the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Publication of Maine Indian Treaty Obligations

(H.P. 612) (L.D. 893)

Sponsored by Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Cosponsored by Senator WILLETTE of Aroostook and Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation.

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act Relating to Automatic Contract Renewals"

(H.P. 613) (L.D. 894)

Sponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham.
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BATES of Westbrook, CAMPBELL of Newfield, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HERBIG of Belfast, LOCKMAN of Amherst, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, Senator: VOLK of Cumberland.

Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Committee on Real Estate License Law (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 614) (L.D. 895)

Sponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representative: WADSWORTH of Hiram.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Public Accountancy Laws"

(H.P. 634) (L.D. 914)

Sponsored by Representative AUSTIN of Gray.
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, HERBIG of Belfast, MALABY of Hancock, O'CONNOR of Berwick, POULIOT of Augusta, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough, VACHON of Scarborough.

MARINE RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Improve Lobster Licensing"

(H.P. 615) (L.D. 896)

Sponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals.
Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and Representatives: BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, COREY of Windham, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MAKER of Calais, SAWICKI of Auburn, SHORT of Pittsfield, STANLEY of Medway, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Promote Sustainability in the Scallop Fishing Industry"

(H.P. 627) (L.D. 908)

Sponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals.
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and Representatives: BLUME of York, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DEVIN of Newcastle, McCABE of Skowhegan, PIERCE of Dresden, SAWICKI of Auburn, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act To Provide Transparency and Accountability of Taxpayer Funds"

(H.P. 593) (L.D. 874)

Sponsored by Representative SUKEFORTH of Appleton.
Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

Bill "An Act To Move a Township from House District 150 to House District 151"

(H.P. 616) (L.D. 897)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Representative: MARTIN of Sinclair.

Bill "An Act To Help Older Adults Age in Place through Comprehensive Planning"

(H.P. 628) (L.D. 909)

Sponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk.
Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, PICKETT of Dixfield, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, VALENTINO of York.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Long-range Planning in Certain Municipalities"

(H.P. 635) (L.D. 915)

Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Private Support Organization for the Maine Commission for Community Service"

(H.P. 636) (L.D. 916)

Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and Representatives: POULIOT of Augusta, TURNER of Burlington, Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Submitted by the Maine Commission for Community Service pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Establishment of Regional Municipal Utility Districts To Support Telecommunications, Broadband Communications and Energy Infrastructure"

(H.P. 632) (L.D. 912)

Sponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: BLUME of York, GERRISH of Lebanon, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, KINNEY of Limington, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, TUELL of East Machias.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Reduce Student Loan Debt through an Expansion of the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit"

(H.P. 617) (L.D. 898)

Sponsored by Representative CHENETTE of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, GOODE of Bangor, NADEAU of Winslow, POULIOT of Augusta, RUSSELL of Portland, Senator: VALENTINO of York.

Bill "An Act To Ensure a Stable Percentage of Revenue Sharing for Municipalities"

(H.P. 618) (L.D. 899)

Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship.

Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BLUME of York, BROOKS of Lewiston, BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, DEVIN of Newcastle, GILLWAY of Searsport, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, KRUGER of Thomaston, Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

Bill "An Act To Make Public Certain Tax Information Related to Municipal Valuation"

(H.P. 619) (L.D. 900)

Sponsored by Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock.

Cosponsored by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset and Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, GOLDEN of Lewiston, McCABE of Skowhegan, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STETKIS of Canaan.

Bill "An Act To Fully Fund Municipal Revenue Sharing"

(H.P. 629) (L.D. 910)

Sponsored by Representative POWERS of Naples.

Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, DUCHESNE of Hudson, EVANGELOS of Friendship, MAKER of Calais, MAREAN of Hollis, SHORT of Pittsfield, TURNER of Burlington, VEROW of Brewer.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Sustainable Infrastructure Funding"

(H.P. 620) (L.D. 901)

Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, POWERS of Naples, Senator: VALENTINO of York.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative GOODE, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

TRANSPORTATION

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Parking for Persons with Physical Disabilities

(H.P. 621) (L.D. 902)

Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon.

Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BLACK of Wilton, LONG of Sherman, MALABY of Hancock, PETERSON of Rumford, POULIOT of Augusta, REED of Carmel, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

Bill "An Act To Allow in Certain Circumstances Two-wheeled Vehicles To Proceed through Red Lights and Make Right Turns on Red in Contravention of Posted Prohibitions"

(H.P. 622) (L.D. 903)

Sponsored by Representative BATTLE of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick, Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: DAVITT of Hampden, HARLOW of Portland, LONG of Sherman, NADEAU of Winslow, PARRY of Arundel, VEROW of Brewer, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Increase Fairness in Campaign Financing"

(H.P. 623) (L.D. 904)

Sponsored by Representative SUKEFORTH of Appleton.

Cosponsored by Representative: EVANGELOS of Friendship.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Ought to Pass Pursuant to Joint Order

Report of the **Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development** on Bill "An Act To Allow Licensed Independent Practice Dental Hygienists To Expose and Process Radiographs under Protocols Developed by the Board of Dental Examiners" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 319) (L.D. 918)

Reporting **Ought to Pass** pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 306.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**. The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative HOBBS of Saco, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 590) (Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, GINZLER of Bridgton, GUERIN of Glenburn, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MOONEN of Portland, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: JOHNSON of Lincoln)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ACCESS TO JUSTICE DAY PRESENTED BY MAINE'S JUSTICE ACTION GROUP

WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 20th anniversary of Maine's Justice Action Group, a judge-led coalition of leaders from Maine's legal community who are passionate about helping all Maine people have access to civil justice; and

WHEREAS, the coalition members include representatives of the state and federal judiciary, the Legislature, nonprofit civil legal aid providers, the University of Maine School of Law, the Maine Bar Foundation, the Maine State Bar Association, the Maine Trial Lawyers Association, private practice attorneys and others; and

WHEREAS, key initiator Judge Frank Coffin described the Justice Action Group as a catalyst, something introduced in small quantities that produces great change, and the Justice Action Group has been an advocate for equal access to justice since 1995; and

WHEREAS, equal access to justice is a bedrock principle of a free, constitutional society, but no system of laws and constitutional protections can be effective if only those who can afford a private practice attorney have access to justice; and

WHEREAS, providing equal access to justice has tangible, widespread benefits for Maine's families, children, schools, communities, businesses, charities and government; and

WHEREAS, legal issues profoundly affect basic human needs such as shelter, sustenance, safety from violence, health and child protection; and

WHEREAS, the need for civil legal aid and pro bono representation for low-income and vulnerable Maine people remains acute; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, pause on this 2015 Access to Justice Day to acknowledge and express our appreciation and strong support for Maine's civil legal aid providers and private practice attorneys who provide pro bono services for those otherwise unable to afford legal representation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Justice Action Group.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Hobbins.

Representative **HOBBS**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, and Women and Men of this Body. I rise today on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary to, in a form of the Joint Resolution, recognize this important occasion of Access of Justice Day.

Fortunately, for our committee, both of the co-chairs of JAG, the Justice Action Group, came before our committee and provided reflections on the Access to Justice, and the program which is so important to the guarantee of equal justice here in the State of Maine.

Justice John Rich, a magistrate of the federal court, and a supreme court justice who is the chair of this group, Andrew Mead, made a presentation and I'd like to share with you a few remarks paraphrased which I think really said it all. And, he talked in terms to our committee that when we say the Pledge of Allegiance, we close with, "justice for all." Now, this simple phrase articulates the central guiding principle that the Founding Fathers established, in that all true Americans hold dear, everyone is entitled to, equal justice before the law.

That principle, however, dims and sometimes vanishes when individuals are forced by circumstances to navigate the complex legal landscape without legal assistance or insights into the law.

Civil legal service organizations strive to fill that void between the high principles of our democracy and the economic reality that often marginalizes our needless citizens.

Much has been accomplished in the past 20 years, and I commend the work of the JAG group. I was fortunate to serve on this group several years ago for a three year term and I learned a lot, and I appreciate more what justice should be and what justice isn't at the present time. But much more remains to be done.

Maine's legal service providers do extraordinary work with extraordinarily inadequate funding. They struggle to deliver their services while resources and funding are a mere trickle in relation to the scale of the problem. It is the hope of JAG, and I think the hope of all of us, that we as leaders of our state, all of us will understand and support the objectives of civil legal services in the years to come. Our goal, our common goal, must continue to be, informed by the words, "justice for all." Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative SANBORN of Gorham, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 630) (Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: BATES of Westbrook, BEAVERS of South Berwick, BROOKS of Lewiston, BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, CHENETTE of Saco, COOPER of Yarmouth, DEVIN of Newcastle, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FOWLE of Vassalboro, FREY of Bangor, GATTINE of Westbrook, GIDEON of Freeport, GILBERT of Jay, GINZLER of Bridgton, GRANT of Gardiner, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HOBBS of Saco, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, JORGENSEN of Portland, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCABE of Skowhegan, MCCREIGHT of Harpswell, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, RYKERSON of Kittery, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SCHNECK of Bangor, STUCKEY of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BAKER of Sagadahoc, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BREEN of Cumberland, BURNS of Washington, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, DUTREMBLE of York, EDGEComb of Aroostook, GERZOFsky of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland, HILL of York, JOHNSON of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, McCORMICK of Kennebec, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, PATRICK of Oxford, ROSEN of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, VALENTINO of York, VOLK of Cumberland, WOODSOME of York)

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE EFFORTS OF THE PARTIES TO ADVANCE CHANGES IN PRIMARY CARE PAYMENT TO PROMOTE BETTER PRIMARY CARE FOR ALL MAINE

WHEREAS, it is recognized that primary care providers in this country serve as a critical component of the health care system and a fundamental element in efforts to promote health care delivery and payment reform; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, there is widespread agreement that payment for primary care services has not kept pace with payment for other specialties, and that current fee-for-service payment systems undervalue the benefits of primary care services; and

WHEREAS, prominent physician organizations, including the American College of Physicians, American Academy of Family Physicians and American Academy of Pediatrics and the Maine affiliates of these national organizations, together with the Maine Medical Association, Maine Osteopathic Association, Maine Primary Care Association, Maine Association of Nurse

Practitioners and Maine Association of Physician Assistants, recognize that patient care can be improved through a patient-centered practice model called the patient-centered medical home, or PCMH, model; and

WHEREAS, the medical home concept has been adopted by key stakeholders in Maine and is grounded in a set of patient-centered, physician-guided principles that promote an ongoing relationship between a patient and a health care provider trained to provide first contact, continuous and comprehensive care and who leads a team of individuals at the practice level who collectively take responsibility for the ongoing care of patients, including care for all stages of life, acute care, chronic care, preventive services and end-of-life care and coordination of care across settings, and promotes enhanced access to care through systems such as open scheduling, expanded hours and new options for communication between patients and their primary health care team; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Quality Forum, Maine Quality Counts, Maine Health Management Coalition and MaineCare convened the multi-payer Maine PCMH Pilot, which was launched in 2009 and expanded in 2012 to include additional practices and to bring in Medicare as a payer through the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Multi-payer Advanced Primary Care Practice, MAPCP, demonstration, now involving 75 primary care practices and 10 Community Care Teams from across the State; and

WHEREAS, MaineCare has developed its Health Homes initiative, which includes over 200 primary care practices, in alignment with PCMH principles; and

WHEREAS, those 200 primary care practices have now committed to implementing the PCMH model to improve care for their patients; and

WHEREAS, primary care providers involved in these efforts have committed hundreds of hours to implementing the PCMH model with the goals of improving patient experience of care, improving the quality of health care and health for their patients and controlling health care costs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the dedication, commitment and efforts of the 200 or more primary care practices involved in the Maine PCMH Pilot, MAPCP demonstration and MaineCare Health Homes initiative and commend these providers for implementing the PCMH model as a means to improve the health care of all Maine citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the State continue its efforts to promote improvements in primary care delivery and payment and commit to identifying additional multi-payer models for primary care payment that move beyond current fee-for-service payment models and expand the PCMH Pilot to better support and provide the necessary resources for all primary care providers in the State to implement the principle of patient-centered, high-value care.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gorham, Representative Sanborn.

Representative **SANBORN**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this past weekend I had my first real experience with a patient centered medical home.

My 86 year old mother-in-law, who still lives alone at home, fell and fractured her arm. She was seen at a local urgent care center where the diagnosis was made, her arm was splinted, and the physician recommended a call to her primary care physician on Monday, an appointment to have her arm casted by an orthopedic surgeon, and a fall evaluation at the geriatric center.

When I made the Monday morning call, I was delighted to hear the primary care physician's receptionist say, "I will share this information quote, 'with the doctor and his team,' unquote, and they will talk it over and we will get back to you as soon as possible with our recommendations."

This team knows my mother-in-law well, knows that she wants, above all, to remain at home, and started coordinating her care immediately including a home fall evaluation. By noon her arm was secure in a cast, her pain was much decreased, and follow-up was scheduled. I would give this patient-centered medical home a high grade for patient experience and quality of care.

Over 200 primary care practices in Maine have committed to implementing the patient-centered medical home model, improving care for their patients over the past several years. This has been a monumental effort with the goal of improving the patient experience of care, improving the quality of healthcare and health for patients, and controlling healthcare costs. Dr. Erik Steele, an exemplary primary care physician leader, has called the transformation to PCMH's like quote, "changing your pants while running," unquote.

We have a long way to go to reach this triple aim, and to truly achieve payment reform that rewards quality rather than quantity of care, leaving the fee-for-service model behind. I am pleased that on Physician's Day in the Legislature, we can offer this joint Resolution to commend the effort of the Maine Patient Centered Medical Home Pilot, and MaineCare Health Homes initiative to urge the state to continue to invest in these efforts. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 14)

ORDERED, that Representative Matthew Dana II of the Passamaquoddy Tribe be excused March 5 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative James E. Davitt of Hampden be excused February 12 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Patricia Hymanson of York be excused March 3 for legislative business.

READ and PASSED.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Grant, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **GRANT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, today in the Senate there was a Joint Resolution recognizing today as Girl Scout Day in Maine, and though the Resolution will come to us later, there are girls all across our state who are celebrating this wonderful organization.

I just wanted to highlight a couple of areas in the Resolution. It says that, "through Girl Scouting, girls gain courage, confidence and leadership skills that inspire them to make their local communities and the world a better place."

And, I won't belabor the point. I think many of us have had this wonderful experience in our lives, and if I could ask the

indulgence of the Chair to ask all the women and girls in the State House this morning, whoever participated in Girl Scouts to please stand.

Thank you. I think that says more than my words could do about leadership in the Girl Scouts.

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act To Allow Licensed Independent Practice Dental Hygienists To Expose and Process Radiographs under Protocols Developed by the Board of Dental Examiners

(S.P. 319) (L.D. 918)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 133 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

CONSENT CALENDAR
First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 14) (L.D. 13) Bill "An Act To Provide an Exemption from Sales Tax and Service Provider Tax to Nonprofit Collaboratives of Libraries" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-1)**

There being no objections, the above item was ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(H.P. 44) (L.D. 50) Bill "An Act To Authorize up to 3 Free Sets of License Plates for 100 Percent Disabled Veterans" (C. "A" H-6)

(H.P. 131) (L.D. 173) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Gold Star Family Registration Plate and To Establish an Honorable Service Military Family Registration Plate" (C. "A" H-8)

(H.P. 155) (L.D. 223) Bill "An Act To Eliminate Outdated Provisions of the Laws Governing the Maine Turnpike Authority" (C. "A" H-9)

(H.P. 160) (L.D. 228) Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2016" (C. "A" H-7)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21: Allowances for Home and Community Benefits for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

(H.P. 10) (L.D. 7)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 134 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 22: Standards for Outdoor Application of Pesticides by Powered Equipment in Order To Minimize Off-target Deposition, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control

(H.P. 145) (L.D. 202)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 134 voted in favor of the same and 5 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 28: Notification Provisions for Outdoor Pesticide Applications, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control

(H.P. 146) (L.D. 203)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 129 voted in favor of the same and 8 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Name the Interstate 95 Rest Area in Hampden the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Rest Area

(H.P. 49) (L.D. 55)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve, Naming the Bridges That Span the Machias River in Machias the Jeremiah O'Brien Memorial Bridges

(H.P. 60) (L.D. 66)
(C. "A" H-3)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative TUELL of East Machias, was **SET ASIDE**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from East Machias, Representative Tuell.

Representative TUELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It's a great honor to be presenting this bill from my hometown of Machias and the Machias Bay area. This bill recognizes a Revolutionary war hero who led the first naval battle of the American Revolution, Captain Jeremiah O'Brien.

The local community, in recent years, has held a celebration that has grown year in and year out, and this year, their 10th year, the committee organizing that celebration thought it would be a great thing if we named the bridge that spans the Machias River, or the bridges that span the Machias River in downtown Machias, after Captain O'Brien.

During the testimony for this bill, I was struck by the generosity and outpouring of support from the veteran's community, from the Representative from the Maliseets, Representative Bear, and other members of this Body. I want to thank you all. Thank you for putting this forward, and I sincerely request that you vote this out unanimously. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Equity and Efficiency for Off-track Betting Facilities"

(H.P. 572) (L.D. 838)

(Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested)

TABLED - March 10, 2015 (Till Later Today) by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Joint Order, To Require the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services To Report Out a Bill Relating to the Maine Quality Forum

(H.P. 585))

TABLED - March 11, 2015 (Till Later Today) by Representative BECK of Waterville.

PENDING - **PASSAGE**.

Subsequently, the Joint Order was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 317)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 10:00 in the morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Efficiency and Safety in the Bureau of Forestry"

(S.P. 311) (L.D. 866)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Spruce Budworm Management Laws"

(S.P. 315) (L.D. 870)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Remove Limitations on Reciprocity for Concealed Handguns Permits"

(S.P. 313) (L.D. 868)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Update Professional Liability Insurance Reporting to the Bureau of Insurance"

(S.P. 308) (L.D. 863)

Bill "An Act To Protect Vision Care Patients and Providers"

(S.P. 310) (L.D. 865)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Parenting Plans To Be Timely Filed"

(S.P. 309) (L.D. 864)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Dealers of Antique Autos To Be Open and Operate on Sundays"

(S.P. 314) (L.D. 869)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Who May Authorize Repairs in a Burying Ground"

(S.P. 307) (L.D. 862)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Tax Fairness and To Lower Medical Expenses for Patients under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"

(S.P. 312) (L.D. 867)

Bill "An Act To Provide for Cooperation between Municipalities with Tax Increment Financing Districts"

(S.P. 316) (L.D. 871)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 318)

JOINT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MARCH 12TH AS GIRL SCOUT DAY

WHEREAS, March 12, 2015 marks the 103rd anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals of character, conduct, compassion and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, in Girl Scouts, girls develop their leadership potential through activities that enable them to discover their values and skills, and the world around them, and to connect with others in a multicultural environment; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting, now in its 2nd century of service to girls, is continuing its legacy of creating gender-balanced leadership in the United States and the world by providing girls with the tools to become leaders dedicated to making this country and the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, through Girl Scouting, girls gain courage, confidence and leadership skills that inspire them to make their local communities and the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts has made girls' financial literacy a high priority in its programs and activities for over 100 years and continues to develop financial empowerment programs for girls in kindergarten to grade 12 to guarantee future generations of independent female leaders; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts outdoor experiences are an integral part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Outdoor activities are woven into the core leadership development program in such a way that girls feel comfortable trying new things and testing their limits, and gain confidence and acquire new skills in a safe and supportive all-girl environment; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is committed to ensuring every girl has the opportunity to explore and build an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, helping them to develop critical thinking skills, problem solving skills and collaborative skills, which are vital throughout life; and

WHEREAS, with more than 2.8 million current members nationwide and nearly 60 million alumnae, and with 60% of the women in the United States House of Representatives and 53% of women business owners being former Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts has ample living proof of this amazing movement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to commend the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the continued advancement of girls in their roles as leaders here in our State and to send our appreciation by urging the citizens of Maine to recognize March 12th as Girl Scout Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Girl Scouts of Maine.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative GERRISH of Lebanon, the House adjourned at 11:27 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2015, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 317).